

streets by driving the tractors up and down those city streets. But as I said earlier, I recognize the fact that when the train is on the track and it is going to go, you get out of the road. So I'm not going to pursue this issue. But I would ask each of you to seriously ask yourself whether or not, in the future, we're going to be able to effectively deal with the revenue problems that we may have in the future with...by looking at the sales tax as we go about the business of granting more and more local option sales taxes, as we go about the business of trying to deal with property tax problems, and there are property tax problems, many people today are not able to pay their property taxes from last year yet. There are simply no revenues in order to pay them. But here we are, in the name of helping those property taxpayers in certain localities, i.e. a municipality, we are expanding the tax base to help them, but that help will not be provided to a lot of those people in the agricultural areas of this state who are suffering those economic problems. I urge you to vote against the passage of this bill. I think it is a bad precedent we are setting, or continuing to set. And I ask unanimous consent to withdraw those motions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Consent granted.

CLERK: Senator, is that...I had other motions from you. All of them? Okay.

PRESIDENT: All withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson. Motion to return the bill to Select File. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is a serious motion. It will not be withdrawn. It will be voted on. If I get 10 votes, or 12 votes, or 15 votes, well, that is where it is. If I get 25 votes that is a good thing. This motion is to return the bill for one purpose, and one purpose only, and that is to strike the enacting clause. Yesterday this Legislature made a decision about the revenue of our state. The decision was that from January 1, 1987, in perpetuity, in perpetuity, we were going to have a 4 percent sales tax rate. That means that in Omaha we're going to have a 5.5 percent rate, and that Lincoln is going to have a 5.5 percent rate, and Bellevue is going to be a 5.5 rate. And